

## DEMOLAY ADVISOR POLICY WHEN ATTENDING OTHER YOUTH EVENTS (effective 9-11-16)

***“Before attending any Masonic Youth Group event and/or activity, as a Certified DeMolay Advisor you need to declare who (which group) you will be attending said function as the designated Adult responsible for Youth Members. For example WA Cup, if you are bringing DeMolay Members and attending as their designated DeMolay Advisor, then you cannot ALSO be the designated Adult for either Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters attending that event.***



This policy is not meant to restrict anyone from attending anything; it is to allow all Adults to clearly state which Masonic Youth Group they are responsible for at that event and give 100% attention to those Youth and help them have the greatest experience possible. I am aware that this designation may change from event to event depending on which group you have committed to being the responsible Adult for and that this will take some pre-planning for you and each group.

Where as many of our DeMolay Advisors (including myself) wear several hats in the Masonic Family including but not limited to - Rainbow Advisory Boards, Rainbow Dad's, Job's Daughter CAV Adults, Masonic Lodge Officers, and as such attend various events and activities representing our organizations, but are also there as the designated Adult responsible for Youth attending in an official capacity (ie. a DeMolay Advisor taking DeMolay Members to an event).

Where as our Adult Advisor pool for all three youth groups has shrunk, we have seen more and more "dual & tri" Adults being responsible for Youth Members from multiple groups all at the same event. This has been a challenge for those running the event as well as those attending the event. I have been there in both capacities and know that is it tough to think like a DeMolay Advisor dealing with boys, and then having to switch over the brain to think like a Job's Daughter or Rainbow Adult dealing with the girls. While we all have similar rules and regulations, there are fundamental differences that go along with giving 100% attention to being a teacher, counselor, advisor, parent, and adult when talking to and about our three youth groups.

We can make this work as long as we work together for our Youth!

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